

Listing of Claims:

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1 – 16. (Canceled)

17. (New) A stacking column for holding warehouse items on the support arms of ratchet levers, which pivot around a rotational axis from a resting position into a working position, comprising a plurality of ratchet levers that are located above one another or next to one another and co-operate with one another, wherein the ratchet lever comprises a sheet metal blank, from which the supporting element is folded, or the supporting element also rests on the rotational axis as a separate part.

18. (New) The stacking column of Claim 17, wherein the warehouse items comprise bodywork parts.

19. (New) The stacking column according to Claim 17, comprising at least one control arm that is also folded from the sheet metal blank.

20. (New) The stacking column according to Claim 19, comprising an upwardly projecting lateral cheek that is folded up from the control arm, abutting the rotational axis of the next ratchet lever in the working position.

21. (New) The stacking column according Claim 17, wherein the supporting element forms a foot, to which a lateral bolt of the preceding ratchet lever is allocated.

22. (New) The stacking column according to Claim 17, wherein the supporting element is positively joined with the ratchet lever.
23. (New) The stacking column according to Claim 17, wherein the ratchet lever has a guide tongue for sliding on the supporting element.
24. (New) The stacking column according to Claim 23, wherein the guide tongue is at least partially upwardly directed.
25. (New) The stacking column according to Claim 23, wherein the guide tongue is at least partially curved.
26. (New) The stacking column according to Claim 17, comprising a latching device allocated to the uppermost ratchet lever, the latching device having a slider with at least one bolt or the like passing through at least one parallel, curved elongated hole, wherein a bolt presses on the uppermost ratchet lever in the latching position.
27. (New) The stacking column according to Claim 26, wherein the slider can be fixed in place by means of a tie bolt in or outside the latching position.
28. (New) The stacking column according to Claim 20, comprising a spacer ring with a selectable outer diameter that is placed in the area of the lateral cheek of the rotational axis.
29. (New) The stacking column according to Claim 17, comprising at least some ratchet levers that each has allocated to it a spring that moves the respective ratchet lever into the resting position.
30. (New) The stacking column according to Claim 29, wherein the springs are arranged on a spring rack.

31. (New) A method for manufacturing a ratchet lever for use in a stacking column for holding warehouse items on the support arms of ratchet levers, which pivot around a rotational axis from a resting position into a working position, wherein a plurality of ratchet levers are located above one another or next to one another and co-operate with one another, comprising providing a sheet metal blank with tongues to the respective sides of middle section between the support arm and a control arm, and providing the tongues with a respective recess that extends partially into the middle section, wherein each tongue is bent in the area of the recess.

32. (New) The method of Claim 31, wherein the warehouse items comprise bodywork parts.

33. (New) The method according to Claim 31, wherein the support arm and/or the control arm is folded from the middle section.

34. (New) The method according to Claim 31, further comprising folding a lateral cheek up from the control arm.

35. (New) The method according to Claim 31, wherein at least one tongue that has projecting from it a supporting element integrally molded thereto.

36. (New) A stacking column for holding warehouse items on the support arms of ratchet levers, which pivot around a rotational axis from a resting position into a working position, comprising a plurality of ratchet levers that are located adjacent to one another and co-operate with one another, wherein the ratchet lever comprises a supporting element, wherein the ratchet lever and supporting element comprise a sheet metal blank from which the supporting element is folded, or the supporting element rests on the rotational axis as a separate part.